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In re Application of:)
Masayuki YABUTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1646
Application Number: 10/030,452 /) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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For: METHODS FOR REDUCING THE FORMATION OF BY-PRODUCTS IN THE
PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT POLYPEPTIDES

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on January 10, 2002. To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action.

It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Applicant would appreciate an indication as to when he might receive the first communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Applicants would appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

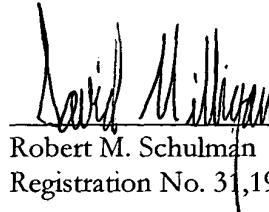
If Applicants or its representative may be of any assistance to the Patent Office in connection with this matter, the undersigned counsel would welcome a telephone call or other communication from the Patent Office.

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